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CHECK ON CYBER CRIMINALS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any policy to track down cyber criminals and devise to check these activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the need of foreign experts dealing with cyber crimes is being required; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): The fight against cyber crime is a coordinated effort on the part of several agencies in the Govt. on an on going basis, involving Law Enforcement Agencies such as the Central Bureau of Investigation, Intelligence Bureau, State Police organizations and other specialized organization. Some of the specific steps taken by the Government are:

1. The Information Technology Act 2000 together with the Indian Penal Code, 1860 provides legal framework for countering cyber crimes.

2. The Government has introduced the Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2006 in the Parliament, which inter alia provides for new forms of cyber crimes like publishing of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form, video voyeurism, breach of confidentiality and leakage of data by service providers, e-commerce frauds through impersonation commonly known as phishing, identity theft and offensive messages through communication service.

3. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) is engaged in developing appropriate Security Guidelines and other best practices for securing the Information Technology infrastructure.

4. Central Bureau of Investigation and other police organizations have set up Cyber Crime Cells manned by officers who have been specially trained to handle such crimes.

5. The Government conducts several awareness and training programmes on cyber laws and cyber crimes for Judicial Officers, Law Enforcement Agencies, Cyber Forensic Scientists and others.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.